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TASK FORCE ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target schedule finalized for implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Flood and Erosion Control showing sectoral outlays approved and allocations made during 2005-06 and proposed for 2006-07; and

(b) the details of the implementation proposals under the Master Plan on erosion protection of Majuli Island, including model study and permanent protection measures being implemented during 2005-06 and proposed for 2006-07?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) The report of the Task Force has been circulated to concerned Ministries/State Governments. Action on some of the recommendations of the Task Force has already been taken. As recommended, jurisdiction of Farakka Barrage Project has been extended. Under the immediate measures recommended by the Task Force, schemes worth Rs 15.42 crore have been approved under the continuing Centrally Sponsored Scheme and an amount of Rs 5.51 crore has been released to Govt. of Bihar. For the funding of remaining schemes recommended by the Task Force, proposals have been formulated for obtaining approval of the competent authority keeping in view the technical parameters and availability of funds.

(b) For solution to the flood and erosion problem in the Majuli island, a scheme amounting to Rs. 86.56 crore prepared on the basis of recommendations of Master Plan of Majuli Island was technically cleared b y Central Water Commission in 2003. Planning Commission granted "in principle" approval for execution of Phase I works costing Rs. 41.28 crore in 2004. Accordingly the scheme was approved by the Government of India and Brahmaputra Board in 2005- 06 has taken up repair and construction, raising and strengthening of emabankments and RCC porcupine work including model study. An amount of Rs. 14.45 crore has been proposed during 2006-07 for these works.